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**Letter of Protest  
in Docket 2018-318- E**

**Protestant Information:**

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**1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

I am a customer of Duke Energy.

**2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

A raise of 12% in cost for electricity for residents is too much, not to mention that Duke wants to raise the rates another 2.5% over the following two years. They are also raising the base residential charge by 350%. The company's net profit for the 2017 year was over 3 BILLION dollars. That profit should be used to perform the updates and residents should not be charged for the cancelled plans for a nuclear plant in Gaffney. This is price gouging at it's finest and many residents in South Carolina will not be able to afford the increase in costs. This is also an attempt to offset the lost profit from residents going to solar power; which was an attempt to offset the huge price increases from Duke in the past. South Carolinians already spend the most per year in the United State on electricity, outspending the average by around \$400. A more reasonable rate increase of 2.5% per year for 3 years would be more appropriate and would be a share of the expenses between Duke Energy (and their 3 BILLION dollar profit) and the consumers, instead of purely increased profit for Duke and harming residents.

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**3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding , if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \***

I would appear if I was asked to.